

# **ROANOKE VALLEY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MINUTES SEPTEMBER 28, 2011**

The Roanoke Valley Human Rights Committee met on Wednesday, September 28, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare, located at 3517 Brandon Avenue, Roanoke, VA.

The purpose of the meeting was to review a request from Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare of their intent to participate in a research study being conducted by the American Psychiatric Association.

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jay Fields, Chair  
Joseph Kinchloe, Vice Chair  
Martha Pillow – Secretary  
Nancy Fields  
Robin Jordan

## **DBHDS –OHR STAFF**

Nan Neese – Reg Advocate  
Deborah Jones - Advocate

## **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Joanne Baker

## **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF SUPPORT**

Betsy Walker

## **GUESTS**

Dr. Fahim Fahim  
Child Psychiatrist, BRBH  
Helen Lang, Director  
Corporate Compliance BRBH  
Betty Bingham, BRBH  
Office of Consumer Affairs

## **AFFILIATES REPRESENTED**

Marc Bush – Cee-Breeze  
Sondra Stephens – DePaul Community Services

1. Jay Fields, Chair called the special meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. Introductions/Citizen Comments  
Members of the Committee and providers introduced themselves

## **ACTION AGENDA**

3. Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare presented written notice to the LHRC regarding the intent to participate in a research study being conducted by the American Psychiatric Association. The project is the revision of the Diagnostic Manual for psychiatric disorders. The research involves

interviews with participants by a trained clinician. Dr. Fahim attended the meeting and explained how the study would be conducted. He will recruit a minimum of two patients to participate in the 12 week study; preferably one new patient and one current patient. A copy of the Protocols for the DSM-5 Field Trials was included in the packet for review by the Committee.

There is not action to be taken in this matter; however Nancy Fields motioned that Dr. Fahim or a representative return at the conclusion of the study to inform/discuss with the Committee the results of the study. Joseph Kinchloe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35p.m.

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Jay Fields, Chair

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Date approved

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Betsy Walker  
Support for RVHRC